

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 17 is canceled.

Claims 18-21 are new.

Support for each amended claim is found in the correspondingly numbered original claim. Additionally, support for Claim 14 is found at page 7, line 22. Support for Claims 18-21 is found at Claim 9.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-16 and 18-21 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added.

An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.


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